

ORDINANCE NO. A03-3

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BRIDGEVILLE EMERGENCY SERVICES
FUNDING PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF
GRANTS AND CREATING FUNDING THEREFOR**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Bridgeville, as the governing body of Bridgeville, are required by law to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Bridgeville's citizens and inhabitants, as well as their property; and

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Bridgeville freely acknowledge and recognize that they could not do so without the contribution of time, effort and equipment of the volunteer fire service and other organized providers of fire protection and emergency services to Bridgeville; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and inhabitants of Bridgeville are more secure in their person and their property as a result of the efforts of the volunteer fire service and other organized providers and their members; and

WHEREAS, the expense of providing volunteer fire service and other emergency services to Bridgeville continues to increase as the permanent population and the municipal boundaries of Bridgeville expand; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Bridgeville wish to ensure the continued high quality of volunteer fire services and other emergency services now enjoyed by its citizens and inhabitants and to help defray the expenses of these benefits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE HEREBY
ORDAIN:**

Section 1. The Commissioners of Bridgeville may award to each organized

volunteer fire service or organized provider of other emergency services in the Town of Bridgeville annual grants which may be in addition to all other grants or payments made by the Commissioners of Bridgeville to them. The grants shall be known as the "Bridgeville Emergency Services Enhancement Funding Program".

Section 2. On or before January 31 of each year, the Commissioners of Bridgeville shall receive from the Town Treasurer his/her estimate of the funds that may be available for grants as a result of the imposition of the surcharge described hereinafter.

Section 3. On or before February 28 next following, the Commissioners of Bridgeville shall receive from volunteer fire service and other organized providers of fire protection and emergency services to the Town of Bridgeville applications for grants and shall recommend for inclusion in the annual budget the distribution of the estimated funds which may be available for grants. The recommendation shall be reviewed by the Commissioners of Bridgeville, and they shall make the final determination as to the distribution of the grants, the method of distribution, establish periodic or annual amounts to be distributed and such determination shall be a part of the annual budget adopted by it.

Section 4. The Bridgeville Emergency Services Enhancement Funding Program grants shall be funded by means of, and there is hereby imposed, a surcharge of not less than one quarter of one percent (.25%) and not to exceed one half of one percent (.50%) of the construction value shown in the applications for building permits issued by the

the Town of Bridgeville. Said surcharge shall be paid to and collected by the Town as are all other building permit fees.

Section 5. Each volunteer fire service or other organized provider of fire protection and emergency services to the Town of Bridgeville accepting grants from the Bridgeville Emergency Services Enhancement Funding Program shall annually submit to the Town Treasurer, or his/her designee, its financial statement and shall further identify those costs or expenses which have been paid for by grant funds.

Section 6. The Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations, including required audit; as they deem necessary for the purpose of giving full force and effect to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 7. The collection of the surcharge and the award of grants shall commence in fiscal year 2004.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by a majority of all the members of the Commissioners of Bridgeville.

COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE

By: 
Commission President

Attest: 
Commission Secretary

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Adopted 4/14/03